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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 22, 2000

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 22, line 3, delete "What is claimed is:".

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 23, line 1, insert --What is claimed is:--.

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Amended) A method according to claim [any of claims] 7, [8 or 9] wherein said step of forming a cumulative inverse histogram comprises the step of: